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LETTER OF JOHN MORTON TO ANTHONY
WAYNE, 1776.

[This remarkably interesting and valuable letter is preserved in the Manuscript Division of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.]

Philad^a Aug 16th 1776

Dear sir—

I rece^d your favor of third of July but want of Opportunity to write and my Engagements to make out the Commissions for our Militia who are all on their march to new Jersey to Oppose Lord How who is Encampt on Staten Island with about 27000 men Including devil Dunmore Clinton and the Hessians, and my attendance in congress has taken almost all my time I hope I shall stand Excused, Our Politicks here have taken a turn that have Expected some time the people whom you know have all along held back Joyned to some Others who were the Proprietary friends Chosen by virtue of a late Law for Enlarg^e the representation in the City of Philadelphia and the back Counties became at last too heavy to drag along and a Convention have taken place Consisting of 8 members out of each County and 8 in the City who are to form a New Government they have made but little progress yet having only formed a Bill of rights and 'tis said they are to have but one branch to Legislate to wit an Assembly only which I am afraid will not do if the Assembly went too slow as I Believe they did These Gentlemen will I doubt not make up the Lee way as they make ordinances and do some things which people did not Expect as it was give out at the time of Choice they were only to form a new Government Our army of Militia in new Jersey is now Aforming

under the Command of Generals Mercer Roberdeau & Ewing to face the Enemy on the Jersey side Our army at new York are rather weak but Increasing and are very well provided to receive y^e Enemy may god grant them the Success to End this Cruel & Unnatural war by Totally defeating our Enemies your Family and friends were well a few days ago I Saw Captain Vanlear on his march to Jersey our Privates take many Prizes Chiefly sugar ships Some french Merchant Ships arrive to trade with us two are here now; we look on this time as the most Critical perhaps that may happen during this war if we defeat them I think the rest of our work will be Easie if the advantage should be on their side god only Knows the Effect that it may have on our affairs I Conclude my self sir and believe me to be

Y^r most

Obed^t humble

Servent

John Morton

To Anthony Wayne Esq